29th November 1928]

Appointment of teachers in the Fisheries Training Institute.

*809 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of teachers belonging to different communities of various grades trained in the Fisheries Training Institute since it was started;

(b) whether preference is given to members of the Fishermen community in the selection of candidates;

(c) the number of schools in which members of the Fishermen community are headmasters;

(d) whether the headmasters who do not belong to the Fishermen community live amidst the fisherfolk; and

(e) whether the schools, as at present run, are manned mostly by teachers belonging to communities other than the fisherfolk?

A.—(a) 56 Fishermen Hindus,
19 Non-fishermen Hindus,
4 Muhammadans and
9 Christians.

(b) Yes.

(c) Sixteen out of a total of thirty-six schools

(d) Half the number live amidst the fisherfolk while the remaining half do not solely by reason of want of suitable accommodation.

(e) No; there are 69 fishermen teachers against 49 non-fishermen teachers.

Industries

Weavers' societies in the Presidency.

*810 Q.—Mr. C. Gopala Menon: Will the hon the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) how many weavers' societies there are in the Presidency excluding credit societies;

(b) which is the largest society;

(c) how many members there are;

(d) what is the monthly transaction per weaver;

(e) whether there are any yarn banks started; if not, why not; and

(f) what organization there is for the disposal of the finished products?

A.—(a) 63.

(b) Madura Sourashtra Weavers' Society, Madura.

(c) 682.

(d) Rupees 24.

(e) & (f) There are no yarn banks; the question of organizing a Central Weavers' Society for the purchase of yarn and sale of finished products is under consideration.

Stocks of ink in the Government Ink Factory.

*811 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the stocks on hand of the various kinds of ink on 31st March 1928 in the Government Factory and the respective periods during which they were so in stock;